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NEXT AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1250:
Sun 1900 on Studio X, Momigno, Italy 1584
Sun 1930 on WWCR 12160
Sun 2000 on RNI webcast, http://www.11L-rni.com
Sun 2000 on RFPI http://www.rfpi.org repeated 8-hourly [maybe]
Mon 0230 on WRMI 6870
Mon 0300 on WBCO 9330-CLSB
Mon 0330 on WSUI 910, webcast http://wsui.uiowa.edu [previous 1249]
Mon 0430 on WBCQ 7415, webcast http://wbcq.us
Mon 0900 on R. Lavalamp http://www.radiolavalamp.org
Mon 1600 on WBCO after-hours http://wbcg.com repeated weekdaily
Mon 2100 on WBCQ 9330-CLSB repeated thru Wed
Tue 0900 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0930 on WWCR 9475
WRN ONDEMAND:
http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24
OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also for CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:
WORLD OF RADIO 1250 (high version):
(stream)
           http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1250h.ram
(download) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1250.rm
WORLD OF RADIO 1250 (low version):
(stream)
         http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1250.ram
(download) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1250.rm
(summary) http://www.worldofradio.com/wor1250.html
WORLD OF RADIO 1250 mp3 in the true SW sound of 7415:
(stream) http://www.piratearchive.com/media/worldofradio 10-20-04.m3u
(d`load) http://www.piratearchive.com/media/worldofradio 10-20-04.mp3
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\*\* AFGHANISTAN. INTERNEWS RELEASES SURVEY OF RADIO SIGNALS IN AFGHANISTAN

Internews, an international non-profit organization that supports open media worldwide, has released a second survey of radio signals in Afghanistan in an effort to better understand the role of independent radio in the country.

The survey, available online, is based on more than 520 "data points" collected between May and July 2004. A team of three technicians traveled the country and measured signal strengths, recording their locations using a Global Positioning System (GPS).

Using findings from the first survey released in April 2004, Internews has now been able to project "radio plurality indexes" (RPI), averaging the number of stations accessible by any individual in a given region. The survey found that listeners in Kabul have access to more than seven stations, but the rural majority of the country can only access an average of 2.3 signals.

The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of Transitional Initiatives funded both the survey and the Geographic Information Systems department which analyzed the data.

Afghanistan National Radio Frequency Survey ñ Second Edition http://www.internews.org/regions/afghanistan/nationalsurvey20040930.ht m

# posted by Andy @ 10:56 UT Oct 23 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

Strangely, these surveys do not seem to cover any broadcasts originating outside Afghanistan! (gh, DXLD)

\*\* AFGHANISTAN [non]. The spelling in Dari is Radio Solh (not Sohl); in Pashto it would be: Sola Radyo. If targeted at Afghanistan, it seems likely that the stations broadcasts/will broadcast also in Pashto: about 35% of the population in Afghanistan are Pashto speakers, 50% Dari speakers (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Guys, well, I checked that station today 23/10/04 and, yes, the ID is Radio SOLH. I guess that was a typo, nothing more;) I picked it up around 1330 UT on 17720 kHz. I was hoping to get any messages in Arabic, as I recall hearing Radio M'alomaat (Marlo Psyop) during the American attack of Afghanistan having special messages in Dari/Pashtu and Arabic. That was some time ago. But that one doesn't have any Arabic messages: (BTW guys, Solh in Arabic doesn't mean Peace. But it

has another meaning, but maybe in in Dari/Pashtu it means so. :) All the best guys, yours, (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, ibid.)

"ENGLAND" 17720, Radio Sohl [sic]/Radio Peace via VT/Merlin/Rampisham, Oct. 22, 1424-1500\* Program of Afghan Music, interspersed with comments by male and female speakers. Noted at 1459 with a ID for 'Radio Sohl' followed with comments but cut in mid-sentence by sign-off. Signal was quite strong but some what fluttery at this location (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Pounding in to Wyoming at 1340 Oct 23 on 17720 with music and talk by man. He gave several IDs and made several mentions of "megahertz." Also seemed to mention "news" (Ak-bar in Arabic, presume similar word in Pashto/Dari) and "information" (Ma'lumat in Arabic). Then back to Afghan music after this short talk. I could even hear it on just my Kaito portable with a decent signal (Hans Johnson, Cody, Oct 23, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* ANDORRA. CATALUNYA R¿DIO EMITIR; EN ONDA MEDIA DESDE EL PRINCIPAT D'ANDORRA (21/10) Fuente: Vilaweb + Propia

El Gobierno del Principat d'Andorra quiere reactivar las dos concesiones de radio en onda media que le otorga la European Broadcasting Union, los 702 kHz (la antigua Radio Andorra) y los 819 kHz (la antigua Sud Radio), que est·n inactivas desde noviembre de 1981.

Tras casi 23 aòos, han vuelto a funcionar las instalaciones de Sud Radio instaladas en el Pic Blanc d'Envalira (foto derecha), a 2.650 mts. TeledifusiÛn de France ha puesto en marcha los tres emisores Thompson de 300 Kws en la frecuencia de 702 Khz, dado que los 819 Khz est·n "ocupados" por Radio Euskadi con un emisor de 5 Kws.

Inicialmente habia una antena radiante y una contraantena que se desmont $\hat{U}$ . Ahora solo existe la antena radiante de 90 mts, que se tendr $\cdot$  que alargar hasta los 106 metros para su perfecto funcionamiento en la frecuencia de 702 Khz.

La TDF francesa emitiÛ en pruebas entre el 16 y el 18 de junio, el 30 y 31 de julio y el 2 de agosto pero ahora se ha filtrado que la CorporaciÛ Catalana de R‡dio i TV est· negociando con el Gobierno Andorrano sumir la gestiÛn de la emisora de Onda Media con lo que Catalunya R‡dio conseguiria finalmente un objetivo perseguido desde hace mucho tiempo, emitir por Onda Media y muy posiblemente tambiÈn en DRM, proyecto del que se hablÛ aqui hace unos dias. Todo apunta a que como contrapartida la Generalitat de Catalunya concederia frecuencias de TelevisiÛn Digital Terrestre a la TV de Andorra para que esta se pudiera ver en territorio catal·n.

A finals de setembre inform‡vem que la CorporaciÛ Catalana de R‡dio i TelevisiÛ estava treballant en un projecte per tal que Catalunya R‡dio pugui transmetre per Ona Mitjana, en analÚgic (AM) i digital (DRM). TambÈ inform‡vem que el Govern Andorr‡ volia revifar les seves dues concessions radiofÚniques d'ona mitjana, 702 i 819 KHz, que estan inactives des del novembre de l'any 1981 quan les operaven Sud-Radio i R‡dio Andorra. Durant l'estiu la TDF va fer quatre proves de transmissiÛ en OM des d'Andorra. Les dues notÌcies tenien relaciÛ, donat que la CorporaciÛ Catalana de R‡dio i TelevisiÛ sembla que ha arribat a un acord amb el Govern Andorr‡ per tal que Catalunya R‡dio transmeti en ona mitjana des del Principat d'Andorra, a partir de l'any vinent (Joaquim F‡bregas - Cinto Niqui) (via Enric Roca, Play-DX via DXLD)

øWh·t about Monaco/France on 702, not that far away (gh, DXLD)

\*\* ASIA [non]. RFA B-04, valid Oct 31, 2004, till March 26th, 2005.

Radio Free Asia currently broadcasts from 1100 to 0700; there are no transmissions between 0700 and 1100. Daily programming includes Mandarin for 12 hours, Cantonese for two hours, Uyghur for two hours, and Tibetan for eight hours.

RFA uses IBB transmitters in IRA/I=Iranawila Sri Lanka, LAM=Lampertheim Germany, SAI/S=Saipan, TIN/T=Tinian NoMariana Isls.

And relays in HBN/P=KHBN Palau Isl, IRK=Irkutsk-RUS, TWN/N=Taiwan, Lampertheim-LAM, UAE=Al Dhabayya-UAE, WER=Wertachtal Germany, WHR=Naalehu-HWA.

Additional transmitter sites have been researched but deleted from this list upon request of RFA to suppress this info, to avoid pressure from China upon the host countries. Are we to assume that China has no way to find out this sensitive info except through DX publications? [gh]

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# changes during B04 season, til March 5th only.
0000-0100 LAO 11830I 13830 15545T
0030-0130 BURMESE 11535 13710S 13815I 15210I
0100-0200 UYGHUR 7480 9365 9645UAE 9690UAE 15270T
17570T
0100-0300 TIBETAN 7560 9670WER 11695UAE 15220T 15660 17730
0300-0600 MANDARIN 13625T 13760T 15150T 15665T
17495 17525 17615S 17880S
21540T
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0600-0700	MANDARIN	13625T 13760T 15150T 15665T 17495 17525 17615S 17880S
0600-0700	TIBETAN	17515 17540 17720 21570T 21715UAE
break		
1100-1200 1100-1400	LAO TIBETAN	9355S 9775T 15555I 15680 7470 9365# 11540 13625T 15435UAE 15185S-(from 1200)
1230-1330 1300-1400 1400-1500 1400-1500	BURMESE	11510 13725I 15395T 9355 11795T 12105I 15215T 9825T 11950S 15255T 9365 9455S 9930WHR 11535 11605N 13725P 13865I 15470T 21625I
1500-1600 1500-1600		7470 7495 11520 15385UAE 7540 9905P 11945T 13670T 13745T 15510T 17565T
1500-1700 1600-1700 1600-1700	KOREAN UYGHUR MANDARIN	7210IRK 11870S 13625T 7515 7530 9625UAE 11720T 13725I 7540 9455S 9905P 11945T 13670T 13745T 15510T 17565T
1700-1800	MANDARIN	7540 9355S 9455S 9905P 11945T 13670T 13745T 15510T 17565T
1800-1900	MANDARIN	7455 7540 9355S 9455S 11790T 11945T 13670T 13745T 15510T
1900-2000	MANDARIN	7455 7540 9355S 9455S 9875P 11790T 11945T 11970T 13670T 13745T 15510T
2000-2100	MANDARIN	7540 9355S 9455S 9875P 9885T 11900S 11950T 11970T 13745T 15510T
2100-2200	MANDARIN	7540 9455S 9875P 9885T 11900S 11950T 11970T 13745T 15510T
2100-2200 2200-2300 2200-2300	KOREAN KOREAN CANTONESE	7460 9385T 11785S 13625T 7460 9385T 9455T 11785S 13625T 9570S 9845P 11740T 11775T
2230-2330 2300-2359		7185I 9930P 15485T 7540 9905P 11775T 11995S 13800T
2330-0029	VIETNAMESE	15430T 15550T 6010UAE 7415 7470 7550 9875LAM 7515 9490 9930P 11580 11605N 11965T 13720S 13865I
(various s	ources; BC-I	JA UCT 22)

Radio Free Asia (RFA) has begun broadcasting live streaming audio of its Tibetan-language radio programs on the Internet from March 1, 2004. RFA has begun live Internet transmissions in foreign languages in addition to Tibetan services from April 4, 2004. (Nagoya DXers Circle website) (all via Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BAHRAIN. 9745, R. Bahrain, Ras Hayan, 1503, Oct 13, just ID'ed: "Idha'at Bahrain"! AM/USB. So not completely off, probably just transmitter problems (Mauno Ritola, Finland, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD) I was in Manama the end of August and the transmitter was silent on all SW frequencies (Dan Henderson, in Dxplorer, Oct 10, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

9745 USB, R. Bahrain, Ras Hayan, 0020-0040 and 0320-0540 (fading out), 0ct 06, 09,10, 13 and 14, non-stop classic Arab singing (no IDs or other talks). Best reception around 0030: 34333 with splashes from 9740, later on QRM co-channel HCJB (Vlad Titarev in Dxplorer, Oct 10 and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

\*\* BELGIUM. Expressing opinions about RVI cutbacks --- It was reported in the last issue that RVI's decision was strategic and not because of problems with their budget so letters supporting the broadcasts may be effective (Mike Barraclough, WDXC via DXLD)

ADDX Aktion f r RVI Br ssel

Hi Glenn, protest action of German DX community against the SHORTWAVE, MEDIUMWAVE and Satellite distribution closure of RVI Brussels on March 26, 2005. 73 wolfy

Hallo A-DXer (innen),

Ausf hrlich hier in A-DX besprochen, aber nochmals zusammengefasst:

Das Management des fl&mischen Auslandsdienstes Radio Vlaanderen International (RVI Br¸ssel) plant zum Ende der Wintersendeperiode am 26. M&rz 2005 die Einstellung s&mtlicher H^rfunk-Aktivit&ten, und eine komplette Verlagerung des Auslandsdienstes ins Internet.

Seit vielen Jahren ist RVI mit seinen beiden t%glichen Programmen in deutscher Sprache allererste Informationsquelle f¸r all diejenigen, die sich auf unkomplizierte Weise per Radio ¸ber Kultur, Wirtschaft und Politik aus Flandern und Belgien informieren m^chten. Als Erg‰nzung zur Programmverbreitung via Kurz- und Mittelwelle wurden vor einigen Jahren zus‰tzliche zeitgem‰fle Verbreitungswege ¸ber eigene Satelliten-Kan‰le sowie ¸ber World Radio Network (WRN) eingef¸hrt und vom H^rer auch gerne angenommen.

Doch nun soll zum allseitigen Erstaunen der gesamte Auslandsdienst ins Internet verlagert werden. Wer gegen diese komplette Abschaltung der Sendungen auf Kurzwelle protestieren m^chte kann dieses schnell und unkompliziert auf der Seite der ADDX tun.

Das Ausf llen des Formulars kostet eine Minute Hobbyzeit, die sollte

- es auch jeden A-DXer wert sein, der RVI nicht t‰glich h^rt, oder geh^rt hat. Somit einfach doppelklicken: http://www.addx.de/aktion.php 73 Christoph Ratzer -- http://www.a-dx.at (via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)
- \*\* BERMUDA. I received a QSL card in the mail today from Bermuda, for a July 5 reception. I reported 106.1 MHZ, but the QSL names all of them: 1160, 1280, 1450, 106.1 and channel 11. Anyhow FM country #3, 250 to go! (Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, OCT 23, WTFDA via DXLD)
- \*\* BOLIVIA. NO IDENTIFICADA: 4917.6, 2251-2310, Octubre 24, Espaòol. øRadio San Miguel, Riberalta?, larguÌsima charla por OM en espaòol sobre una iniciativa polÌtica local. 24332. No pude reportar a Radio San Miguel en otra frecuencia pero tampoco se mencionÛ a "Riberalta" o se dio otro dato que permitiera advertir si se trataba de la emisora del Beni durante la transmisiÛn escuchada en esta frecuencia (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Noticias DX via DXLD)
- Since R. San Miguel showed up on 4917, I haven't noted it at all anywhere all this past week. (24 Oct.) (Dave Valko, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD) ?? You mean anywhere else, or not on 4917 either?? (gh, DXLD)
- \*\* BRAZIL. Our Italian member Giampiero Bernardini went with Dario Monferini to Abetone (mountain resort in Tuscany, 1500 m high) in Central Italy for some days for dxing. They used a Drake SPR-4 and AOR 7030 ñ antennas 100 and 200 metres wire. Brazilian stations were excellent the night between Oct 03 and 04, not only because of the good propagation but also because of the local elections in Brazil with some extended schedules. Next local election round will be on Sunday, November 07 (DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)
- \*\* BRAZIL. 5950, R. InconfidÎncia continues broadcasting on 5950 and 6010, but 5950 is inconstant (Samuel C·ssio, Brasil, Oct 16, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)
- 6019.8, R. Capital, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 0715-0732, Oct 07, relay of R Victoria, Per', with Portuguese religious program; 22441, QRM from Canada and Chile (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD) ?? I think this is backwards; R. Capital is not on 6020v, but R. Victoria is, so should be listed under PERU (gh, DXLD)
- \*\* CAMEROON. 5010/7240, R. Garoua. Two years ago I visited the former transmitter which had not been touched since a transformer burned about five years earlier. The transmitter building and antenna are still guarded, but a swarm of killer bees are breeding inside the transmitter. It was said that the President of Cameroon does not want the radiostation back on the air to avoid an uprising in the region. (Jens Christian Seeberg, Denmark, Oct 09, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. CHU web pages: Includes a full description of time signal, plus historical information.

http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/time\_services/shortwave\_broadcasts\_e.html

This page describes the time code embedded in the CHU broadcast meant for decoding by computers

http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/time\_services/chu.html
(via Ricky Leong, QC, Oct 22, DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. More on the Toronto 1610 --- I don't think CFAD and Voces Latinas are the same entity. I believe CFAD might be the "Magic 1610" people who have or had an office on Highway 48/Main Street in Markham. I believe the Magic 1610 group wanted 10 kW day and 5 kW nights with about 1/3 of the programming to be ethnic. And their CRTC hearing was on the same day in 2002 as the Voces Latinas/San Lorenzo Church people... This application was denied.

http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2002/n2002-8.htm http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2003/db2003-120.htm

Coincidentally, a Markham website says that CHEV-1610 is (back) on the air:

"Markhamis community radio station has begun broadcasting from facilities on Main Street Markham. The station is on the air daily from 6 pm to 11 pm and plans are already underway to increase the air time. Station owner and President Tom Neo said CHEV will offer live coverage of community events, including local events and amateur sports by a play-by-play announcer. The station is focusing on such events as the Markham Fair, local hockey, high school football, community charity events and coverage of local music talent from York Region, Durham Region and Toronto. Mr. Neo added, ``CHEV will also provide coverage of regional community affairs on a weekly basis. We have a bulletin board offering what shappening in the various communities``. The station will also provide local bands without recording contracts a venue for additional exposure"

http://www.corporatemarkham.com/html/corporate\_news.php

I think CHEV's address is the same as the one that Magic 1610 had in their CRTC application (Niel Wolfish, Toronto, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

There was a CHEV 1610 back circa 1997. They did sports events from various parts of the Metro Toronto, plus York and Durham regions using mobile facilities and had no regular schedule. I believe that the city of licence back then was Scarborough which has since become part of

Toronto. They went silent for a number of years. Toronto uses a 416 area code whereas Markham is in 905. Is CHEV perhaps planning to come on a different channel from the Toronto station? Their proposed programming sounds quite different from that being heard by Niel so I wonder if we are talking about two separate stations here. I look forward to further reports from Niel and other Toronto DXers (Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg MB, ibid.)

This sure is murky, whilst it out to be clear (gh, DXLD)

Definitely two different stations/entities. CHEV apparently was granted a new licence, but must find a new frequency, as 1610 was given to Voces Latinas (the CHSL that started testing two days ago).

From my location, which is roughly 2 miles from Voces Latinas/CHSL, I can't tell if CHEV really is back on 1610 or not. Maybe I'll have to take a drive into Markham and see for myself.

It does appear that CHEV's address is the same as the "Magic 1610" application for Markham that got denied. The Town of Markham's website has a mention of a recent council meeting (August 2004) to discuss CHEV's request to put up signage and make building alterations at 234 Main Street in Markham. The last time I drove up Main Street in Markham I recall going by the same building and seeing a "Magic 1610" sign. Somebody else may have better information, but I think that "Magic 1610" may have "tested" prior to their formal CRTC application (and subsequent denial. If so, I never heard them.

I should also mention that last night I was about 5 miles from CHSL's transmitter and they were already getting hammered by Montreal (1610-CJWI). For Morris (and any other people familiar with Toronto), that was the approximate distance between CHSL at Lawrence & Dufferin and where I was at Leslie and Highway 401 (Niel Wolfish, Toronto, Oct 23, amfmtvdx via DXLD)

The Toronto 1610 (and the "Markham 1610")

CHSL/Voces Latinas has not been testing on 1610 today. This morning, I drove by the listed address for the Markham station. It is on the west side of Main Street, just down from Rod Stewart's office, Dr. Rod Stewart, that is. There's a sign out front that says "1610 AM - Markham and York Region" and on the door to the building there's also a poster that looks like a "blown up" version of the QSLs that CHEV-1610 gave out a few years ago - a picture from a hockey game. I did not see any kind of antenna, whereas you can clearly see the CHSL/ Voces Latinas tower, right next to their building. Nothing could be heard on 1610 there either, aside from a weak signal from CJWI-Montreal. This was about 9 a.m. But it was a Saturday, so who knows?

(Niel Wolfish, Toronto, Oct 23, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

\*\* CUBA. RHC English on new 9580, at 0612 UT check Oct 23. // 9550 9655 and 11760 but nothing on 9820, so maybe ex-9820. Could be mistake, as 9580 is used earlier at 0100 for CRI relay via Cuba. Further checks required. Or could be one of their brand-new transmitters needing a new frequency. 23 hours later, indeed, 9580 was not on, but 9820 carrier, and shortly modulation started, then it made a poof sound and modulation developed some of those artifacts. If RHC stayed on 9580 at this hour, it would be bad news for ANO Gabon (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. 12000, R. Habana Cuba, \*1100-1500\* is using one of our new 100 kW pulse step modulated transmitters. The antenna is our old "New York" rhombic, with estimated 13 dB gain and an azimuth of the main lobe at 020 degrees. It does have minor side lobes according to measurements I made many years ago close to the antenna (Arnie Coro via Erik K<sup>-</sup>ie, Oct 12, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD) It is heard strongly in Denmark, 45434, in Spanish // 11760 (co-channel BBC), 11800 (co-channel QRM) and 15230 (clear channel). (K<sup>-</sup>ie, Hartvig Nielsen and Petersen, ibid.)

\*\* CUBA. I tuned into DXers Unlimited in progress about 0140 UT Oct 24 on 6000, reception not too good, and heard a few words of Spanish before Arnie went on in English. At 0146 he wrapped up the show, then did a countdown and said something in Spanish before starting his other show in English, Breakthrough! The latter is supposed to air on Sunday nights. He obviously recorded one after the other, and nobody separated them before putting them on the air. After he wrapped up Breakthrough, the standard DXUL closing was attached. Whoever was supposed to edit his shows at the studio really screwed up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. FIDEL'S FALL NOT CUBAN TV FODDER

By Tracey Eaton The Dallas Morning News

Friday, October 22, 2004 - Page updated at 08:26 A.M.

APTN / AP [caption] President Fidel Castro, who tripped after a speech at a graduation ceremony Wednesday in Santa Clara, Cuba, broke a knee and an arm. The tumble was the talk of the nation but not in Cuban TV broadcasts, which ran cartoons.

Other links AP Video: President Fidel Castro's fall

HAVANA --- News programs around the world broadcast startling images yesterday of Fidel Castro stumbling and falling, breaking his knee and fracturing his arm. But state-run Cuban television showed none of that, opting instead for Bugs Bunny, Popeye and other soft fare. . . http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/nationworld/2002069702\_castro23.html

(via Curtis Sadowski, WTFDA Soundoff via DXLD)

\*\* DENMARK. 5815, World Music Radio (WMR), 1920-1930, Oct 10, English ID-spot, usual format, heard on balcony of hotel in Hama, 200 km north of Damascus during cut of electricity. 43333 (Vestesen, Hama in Syria, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

5815, WMR, very nice signal at 2300 Oct 9, all the more so, if it is 6 kW (Jerry Berg, MA, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD) It gives good reception here on CuraÁao at local evenings (Max Van Arnhem, ibid.) Still very strong here at Copenhagen at 0700-2000 (Stig Hartvig Nielsen and Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

Daytime reception in London is so good!! We've also been heard in Syria (by Vestensen) and CuraÁao (by van Arnhem) this weekend! On Oct 18 we will reduce power to around 4 kW and probably continue on 5815 for a few days. Also this week work will start on the old 15810 kHz transmitter. But we still need a new transmitter site for this transmitter. We have some problems with the Internet connection from the studio here to the transmitter site and we will need to do some work on that in the coming days (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, WMR Oct 17, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

5815 was heard with S9 +20 dB Oct 19 at 1415-1700, but then fading out slowly and fully deteriorating in static and CWQRM and disappearing at 2000 (Anker Petersen, ibid.)

\*\* ECUADOR. 4918.96, R. Quito, 24 Oct., 0954 nice canned ID by M over music between HC songs; "R. Quito, la voz de la capital. Un ?? Ecuador de nuestra m'sica". 1012 jingle ID. 1014 canned ID by M with frequencies: "Transmite R. Quito, la voz de la capital, 670 khz onda media, 4920 khz onda corta" followed by W with accurate TC, then 2 promos, and back to music. Caught choral NA at 1058. Distorted of course, but strong (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbredx via DXLD)

\*\* EGYPT. Hello Dxers, well, I'm trying now to get a hard copy of the decision of the Media minister as it has the sections which will be ceased, and then I'll give you all the details --- as I know so far ONLY 11 sections will be on, out of 40 something sections radio Cairo used to have. The decision will be effective 1/1/2005. These sections will remain on the air for sure: Arabic, English, French, Spanish. The rest to follow soon. The reason for publishing that info was to ask listeners of certain sections to start e mailing Radio Cairo. Maybe they would think twice. I hope my source in R. Cairo won't be hurt form spreading that news! All the best, Guys (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Oct 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FIJI. 684, 1240-, Radio Fiji 1, Oct 17. Good reception, except for

the splatter from adjacent channels, with south islands music. Almost armchair at 1244. I could listen to this soothing music all day! None of the other Fiji 1 outlets audible. Female announcer at much lower modulation at 1245. Unfortunately faded right down at the TOH to prevent a positive ID (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FRANCE. Alain Mènargues, directeur gènèral adjoint chargè des antennes et de l'information de Radio France Internationale (RFI, organisme public) et vice-prèsident de RMC Moyen-Orient (RMC-MO, radio assurant les èmissions de RFI en arabe), a dèmissionnè lundi 18 octobre en rèponse aux èmotions suscitèes par ses propos sur IsraÎl et les ghettos juifs.

Selon la direction de RFI, qui a annoncè cette dèmission dans un bref communiquè, il n'y a pas eu faute sur l'antenne de RFI, o M.

Mènargues a ètè nommè fin juillet, mais "incompatibilitè" entre l'exercice de ses fonctions et "l'exposition d'opinions tranchèes" ‡ l'extèrieur de la radio.

Longtemps correspondant de Radio France au Moyen-Orient, M. MÈnargues, 57 ans, a fait ces derniers jours la promotion de son dernier livre "Le mur de Sharon", dans plusieurs mÈdias franÁais.

PrÈsentÈ comme directeur de l'information de RFI, il a tenu des propos comme "IsraÎl est un Ètat raciste" ou encore, sur Radio Courtoisie, "Quel a ÈtÈ le premier ghetto au monde? Il Ètait ‡ Venise. Qui est-ce qui l'a crÈÈ? C'est les juifs mímes pour se sÈparer du reste".

Ces dÈclarations ont provoquÈ de trËs vives rÈactions des syndicats et de la sociÈtÈ des journalistes de RFI, d'associations juives franÁaises et du ministËre franÁais des Affaires ÈtrangËres.

M. MÈnargues, interrogÈ par des journalistes ‡ la suite de sa dÈmission, a expliquÈ "avoir dÈcidÈ de se taire". "On a (‡ RFI) un actionnaire qui s'appelle le ministËre des Affaires ÈtrangËres. DËs l'instant o le porte-parole (du ministËre), ‡ mon sens piÈgÈ par une question, rÈpond que ce que j'ai dit est intolÈrable, j'en tire les consÈquences", a-t-il ajoutÈ.

La polèmique s'est dèveloppèe alors que le ministre franÁais des Affaires ÈtrangËres Michel Barnier effectue depuis le 17 et jusqu'au 19 octobre une visite en IsraÎl destinÈe ‡ renouer le dialogue entre ce pays et la France, aprËs une pÈriode de tensions.

La dèmission de M. Mènargues a ètè rendue publique alors qu'il venait de s'expliquer devant les rèdactions de RFI et RMC-MO rèunies en Assemblèe gènèrale ‡ l'appel de l'intersyndicale CFDT, SNJ et SNJ-CGT.

Le PDG de RFI, Antoine Schwarz, a indiquÈ que M. MÈnargues resterait ‡ RFI, ‡ des fonctions qui restent ‡ prÈciser.

Lors d'une AG houleuse dans une salle de rÈdaction bondÈe, M. MÈnargues a notamment dÈclarÈ: "Ce que je peux penser ne s'est jamais traduit sur l'antenne, il n'y a jamais eu de dÈrive Èditoriale". "Je n'ai pas ÈtÈ invitÈ (dans ces Èmissions, NDLR) au titre de directeur, j'ai ÈtÈ invitÈ au titre d'auteur", a-t-il soulignÈ. "Je pense qu'en tant que directeur de l'information il n'a pas de libertÈ d'expression (...) parce qu'il incarne RFI", a rÈtorquÈ une journaliste de la rÈdaction en anglais.

"Pourquoi est-ce que dËs qu'il s'agit d'IsraÎl il y a cette inquisition?", a demandÈ un autre journaliste. "Je pense qu'il s'est crÈÈ pas mal d'inimitiÈs assez rapidement (...) et que (...) ces propos sont aujourd'hui l'occasion de lui faire la peau dans un tribunal populaire", a estimÈ un autre participant.

L'intersyndicale a "pris acte" lundi dans un communiquÈ "de la dÈmission d'Alain MÈnargues annoncÈe "alors qu'une demi-heure avant le PDG lui accordait son entiËre confiance". Elle "s'Ètonne de l'absence de rÈaction du PDG face aux multiples dÈclarations controversÈes du directeur de l'information" et "exprime son inquiÈtude quant ‡ la gestion de RFI".

La SociÈtÈ des journalistes de RFI estime pour sa part que le successeur d'Alain MÈnargues "aura la lourde responsabilitÈ de rendre ‡ RFI sa crÈdibilitÈ et sa sÈrÈnitÈ (AFP via http://www.voila.fr - 18 octobre 2004)

Alain MÈnargues, qui a dÈmissionnÈ le 18 octobre du poste de numÈro deux de RFI moins de trois mois aprËs y avoir ÈtÈ nommÈ, a chutÈ sur le sujet qu'il connaÓt sans doute le mieux, et qui le passionne le plus, celui du Proche Orient.

C'est en raison de la polèmique causèe par plusieurs de ses dèclarations sur les juifs et sur IsraÎl -- qualifiè "d'Etat raciste" -- que M. Mènargues, 57 ans, a ètè contraint de remettre sa dèmission du poste de directeur gènèral adjoint chargè des antennes et de l'information de Radio France Internationale et de vice-prèsident de RMC Moyen-Orient.

Alain Mènargues avait ètè nommè ‡ ces mímes fonctions le 28 juillet par le nouveau PDG de RFI, Antoine Schwarz. C'est alors pour lui le couronnement d'une carriËre de trente ans dans le monde de la radio publique franÁaise.

DiplÙmÈ de l'Institut d'Ètudes politiques de Strasbourg et du Centre

universitaire international de journalisme de Strasbourg, Alain MÈnargues, nÈ le 23 janvier 1947, a commencÈ sa carriËre en 1969 au bureau de l'AFP ‡ Strasbourg, puis au Nouvel Alsacien (1970), ‡ l'ORTF Alsace (1972) et ‡ FR3 Picardie (1973).

Entre 1974 et 1979, il est reporter ‡ France Inter, puis envoyÈ spÈcial permanent de Radio France ‡ Strasbourg auprËs des institutions parlementaires europÈennes.

Entre 1981 et 1997, il est grand reporter (Asie, Afrique, AmÉrique du Sud, Moyen-Orient), puis envoyÈ spÈcial permanent au Proche Orient (1982 ‡ 1997) pour les stations de Radio France.

Il exerce Ègalement des responsabilitÈs au sein du Syndicat des journalistes de l'audiovisuel (SJA)-FO, Ètant notamment reprÈsentant du personnel journaliste au sein du conseil d'administration de Radio France.

"Son grand truc a ÈtÈ la guerre du Liban" (1975-1991), raconte Michel Moutot, lui mÍme journaliste ‡ Beyrouth pour l'AFP de 1990 ‡ 1994. Alain MÈnargues acquiert "une vraie connaissance de la guerre du Liban et de toutes les complexitÈs de ce pays", ajoute Michel Moutot.

Le journaliste de radio en tire notamment un roman (Les larmes de la colëre, Presse de la Renaissance, 1991), trës instructif sur les premiëres années de la guerre, et rècemment Les secrets de la guerre du Liban (Albin Michel 2004), fruit de nombreuses années de travail. Alain Mènargues est ensuite chargè de mission ‡ la Direction Gènèrale de Radio France (1997-1999), grand reporter (1999-2001), puis rèdacteur en chef de la rèdaction títe de rèseau de France Bleue.

Grand reporter, grande gueule, capable aussi bien de la plus grande affabilitÈ que des colËres les plus Èpouvantables, Alain MÈnargues suscite souvent des jugements trËs tranchÈs --- et parfois sÈvËres --- sur sa personne.

"C'est un fort en gueule qui a ses fidÈlitÈs, quelqu'un de trËs reprÈsentatif de ces journalistes de l'ancienne Ècole, baroudeurs, qui ne rentrent plus forcÈment dans les moules actuels. Mais on n'a pas assez de ce genre de journalistes aujourd'hui", estime pour sa part Olivier Martocq, secrÈtaire gÈnÈral du SJA-FO ‡ Radio France. Selon la direction de RFI, M. MÈnargues a en quatre mois "ouvert des chantiers, avec la grande rÈforme de l'organisation de la maison, de la continentalisation. Cela mettra des mois ‡ se faire. Il a beaucoup redynamisÈ l'antenne de RMC Moyen-Orient (AFP via http://www.voila.fr - 18 octobre 2004)

Alain MÈnargues, directeur gÈnÈral adjoint chargÈ des antennes et de

l'information de Radio France Internationale (RFI) et vice-prÈsident de RMC Moyen-Orient, a prÈsentÈ sa dÈmission au prÈsident de RFI, Antoine Schwarz, qui l'a acceptÈe, a annoncÈ RFI lundi 18 octobre. Des propos tenus rÈcemment par M. MÈnargues sur les juifs et IsraÎl sur l'antenne d'une radio privÈe franÁaise, Radio Courtoisie, avaient provoquÈ de trËs vives rÈactions, notamment de syndicats de journalistes de RFI, de la SociÈtÈ des journalistes de RFI et du ministËre franÁais des Affaires ÈtrangËres.

InterrogÈ sur son livre "Le Mur de Sharon", M. MÈnargues avait dÈclarÈ le 12 octobre, selon une cassette fournie par la station: "J'ai ÈtÈ trËs choquÈ par le Mur, j'ai ÈtÈ voir des gens, des rabbins, des hommes politiques, si vous regardez le LÈvitique dans la Torah, qu'est-ce-que c'est? La sÈparation du pur et de l'impur. Un Juif pour pouvoir prier doit Ítre pur, tout ce qui vient contrarier cette puretÈ doit Ítre sÈparÈ (...) Lisez le LÈvitique, c'est Ècrit en toutes lettres".

"Quel a ÈtÈ le premier ghetto au monde? Il Ètait ‡ Venise. Qui est-ce qui l'a crÈÈ? C'est les juifs mímes pour se sÈparer du reste. AprËs, l'Europe les a mis dans des ghettos", a-t-il poursuivi.

L'intersyndicale CFDT, SNJ et SNJ-CGT de Radio France Internationale (RFI) appelle ‡ une assemblèe gènèrale lundi ‡ 13h00 au sujet des propos tenus par le directeur de l'information de RFI, Alain Mènargues sur les Juifs et IsraÎl, a-t-on appris dimanche auprës des syndicats.

"Nous appelons tous les journalistes -et plus largement tous les personnels qui se sentent concernÈs- ‡ une assemblÈe gÈnÈrale lundi", ‡ 13h00 au siËge de RFI (Maison de Radio France), indique l'intersyndicale dans un tract, transmis ‡ l'AFP.

"Ordre du jour: les propos du directeur de l'information au CAPE (ndlr: le Centre d'accueil de la presse ÈtrangËre) et sur Radio Courtoisie", poursuit l'intersyndicale dans son tract.

De son cÙtÈ, la SociÈtÈ des Journalistes (SDJ) de RFI a sollicitÈ un rendez-vous avec le PDG de RFI, Antoine Schwarz, a-t-elle indiquÈ dimanche. La SDJ avait dÈnoncÈ samedi "les amalgames indignes" de M. MÈnargues et demandÈ ‡ M. Schwarz "de rÈagir au plus vite et de prendre (ses) responsabilitÈs". (AFP http://via www.voila.fr - 17 octobre 2004) all: (informations issues de http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jm.aubier via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. Re 3995, it is noteworthy that this frequency will be again used also for a single hour in AM: 0700-0800. Recently 3995 in DRM was one day kept on air until noon (reported as 12:00, not sure if referring to UT or CET). Word is that Wertachtal now has two DRM-

capable transmitters, but it is unknown so far if these are new RIZ transmitters or just two of the existing S4005 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUATEMALA. 4698.76, R. Amistad, Listened to the recording from yesterday morning Oct 22; Almost no modulation at all until 1035 when it suddenly came up to threshold readability. It was distorted though. Long slow soft-spoken M talking 1039-1055, canned voice-over by M at 1055 mentioning m'sica. Into lively music. Band song at 1059 sounded like it could've been the NA. Pop-like song and then M TC 1101-1103. More LA music with occasional announcements by M, TCs, mentioning nacionales and estudios. 1120 very short canned possible call letter ID "TGJ??C". Pretty certain about the J and C. The TG could've been there, but hard to tell. 1125 TC and possible ID and mention of m'sica. Still going past 1140, but fading.

4698.79, R. Amistad, Heard again this morning 23 Oct. Modulation was about the same strength, but it seemed clearer. Unfortunately the signal wasn't as strong as yesterday (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

4698.8, R. Amistad, On again this morning 24 Oct. and with weak audio, but couldn't get an ID. Had a program of nice Ranchera music after 1000 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

4698.73, Radio Amistad, per Dave Valko tips. 1050 to 1130 with a variety of music and religious programming. Several partial IDs as other radio stations than Radio Amistad, at 1120 "Radio Sala" or "Radio Sara", this with poor modulation. "...en la semana de el Seòor..." several time during sermon (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, NRD 535D - Icom R75 - Drake R 7 - Sony 2010, Oct 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. Dear Friends, In a letter from Asst. Director Engineering (Freq assignments), All India Radio New Delhi, I received the following reply regarding QSL Policy of AIR.

"Normally QSL Cards are issued by the frequency assignment section of Directorate General, All India Radio to the listeners for sending reception reports from outside the target area of concerned AIR stations. AIR stations do not issue QSL Cards directly. In case a reception report is received directly by the station, the same is forwarded again to frequency assignment section for the issue of QSL card, after the due verification of the contents of the program."

However, many have received many QSL letters from the station engineers and Port Blair station answers promptly! Earlier AIR Shillong NES issued QSL Cards directly. Kurseong, Jaipur, Jeypore, Mumbai and Coiambatore are good verifiers directly (T. R. Rajeesh, Kerala, India, Member World DX Club#2504, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. 4775, AIR Imphal, Oct 23, 1453-1500, nice sub-continent music, at 1515 becomes // 9425 (Bangalore) for 30 minutes, with news in vernacular and ``news at nine`` (news of India & sports news) in English, good-fair. On Oct 24, 1446 in vernacular, strong.

5970, AIR Shillong, Oct 23, 1501 mention of ``North Eastern Service``, music program of Western Jazz, at 1515 becomes // 9425 (Bangalore) for 30 minutes, with news in vernacular and ``news at nine`` (news of India and sports news) in English, fair-poor (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, NRD-545, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 2959.95, 1317-, RPDT Manggarai, Oct 16. Powerful signal at times, but with deep fading as we approach local dawn. Some Western music, and a fair amount of dead air between selections. Brief talk. I did hear 'Makassar' earlier, but no IDs as yet. Guy Atkins and I tried for about 2 hours in July, never to hear an ID, but reception is much better today. Long monologues by the same OM, with brief musical interludes. At 1350, I noted the same Indonesian vocal on 4790 RRI Fak Fak, as here, but not in parallel. A coincidence, I assume, as there were different announcers afterwards. Another announcer came on after this --- a woman with a very penetrating voice, with announcements.

Very commonly heard in the South Pacific. Likely person to person messages, as they were repeated twice. Often at armchair level! Still going strong at 1412! Many names heard like Anton, Katerina, Marta, etc. Mentioned Makassar and Bali at 1413. I'm sure I heard 'Riverside' a few times too. Finally finished at 1423, with EZL filler, and then a more lively piece at 1423:45. More long monologue by the same YL announcer, and then into a C&W song at 1432:30. Call in at 1434 with mention of Manggarai. More static crashes noted as we approach dawn. Caller again mentioned Manggarai, and then back to the same C&W song. Another caller at 1439 with immediate mention of Manggarai. Someone within the motel switched on a TV at 1442 spoiling the signal during fades. Big fade up at 1450 barelling through the TVI. Again faded up at 1458. Love Ambon at 1500 without any apparent announcements, and a big increase in noise, but carrier seems off by 1503 (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 4790, 1338-, RRI Fak Fak, Oct 16. Superb armchair level with EZL music. Very nice! Interesting how all Indo stations have that somewhat muffled audio. Very characteristic. Off sometime before 1358 recheck. Will listen to the MD (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 4925, RRI Jambi, 1920-1940, Oct 15, Holy Our`an singing

till 1932, Male ID followed by Indian music, 1937 talk by man and woman seemingly calls-in. Extended service due to Ramadan! Fair signal (S7...S9 level), occasional CW-QRM, occasional heterodynes, moderate static level (Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, in Dxplorer via DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. XM SEEN UNVEILING WEARABLE SATELLITE RADIO Oct. 22, 2004 Los Angeles

XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc next week is expected to unveil a "wearable" device, marking the satellite radio industry leader's latest effort to woo audiences to the nascent format, analysts said. More at http://msnbc.msn.com/id/6309188/ (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re 4-162, Wearable XM Radio: Hi Glenn, An enterprising homebrewer has been enjoying his portable XM Radio for some time now: http://webdisk.berkeley.edu/~tommyatkins/audio/portablexm/portablerig.html 73, (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRAN. Dear Bruce MacGibbon, We would like to inform you that after continuous attempts we could succeed to reestablish short wave for your area. We would be very pleased to have your comments as well as your reception reports. The frequencies are as the following table. Please keep in touch with us. Best Regards, IRIB English Service

IRIB English Service Broadcasting Schedule (B2004), UT:

1030-1130

15480 Indian Sub Continent

15460 Indian Sub Continent

702 Republic of Azerbaijan

765 Pakistan

1130-1230

Voice of Justice - via Internet/Hotbird Satellite only

1530-1630

9610 Indian subcontinent

9940 Indian subcontinent

1930-2030

6110 Europe

7320 Europe

9855 South and East Africa

11695 South and East Africa

2130-2230

via Internet and Hotbird Satellite only
[o yeah? See my recent report of this on 11875 --- gh]

0030-0130 UT

via Internet and Hotbird Satellite only [a loss; had been on SW]

0130-0230 UT Voice of Justice 6120 North America 9580 North America

Mail your correspondence to IRIB English Service, P.o.Box: 19395-6767, Tehran, I.R of Iran E-mail: englishradio @ irib.ir
Internet website: http://www.irib.ir/worldservice/englishradio
(via Bruce MacGibbon, OR, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 0130, 9580 not heard. Radio China via Cuba only station heard here in Gresham, Oregon on Oct 24 UT. Take care, (Bruce MacGibbon, OR, to IRIB, via DXLD)

Dear Bruce MacGibbon, Sorry, I forgot to tell you that you can listen to IRIB English Radio from November 1st. Many thanks for your kind attention. Best Regards, IRIB English Radio, Mohammad B. Khoshnevisan (via MacGibbon, DXLD)

IRIB German, at present carried via satellite only, is to be put on shortwave again. From the A-DX mailing list:

``Liebe Freunde, ein aktueller DX-Tipp: IRIB aus Teheran gab heute bekannt, dass man ab dem 31. Oktober wieder ¸ber die Kurzwelle zu h^ren sein wird. Gesendet wird nach folgendem Schema: 07.30 bis 08.30 UTC: 15085 KHZ und 21770 KHz 17.30 bis 18.30 UTC: 6110 KHz und 9500 KHz Sch^ne Gr\_fle, Helmut & Linda Matt``

Note the frequency 15085 instead of grandfathered 15084. Could of course be an error, but have they any transmissions on 15084 at present? Anyway this is perhaps the first international broadcaster reviving a once terminated shortwave carriage, or is there a precedence? Probably some other IRIB shortwave services will be restored at well (Kai Ludwig, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Caros amigos, Recebi da RedaÁ"o Espanhola da Voz da Rep'blica Isl,mica do Ir", uma mensagem com o esquema de emissies para este perÌodo e uma segunda mensagem com algumas erratas da mensagem anterior e repasso ambas em seguida (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Brasil, Noticias DX via DXLD)

Nueva tabla de las Frecuencias EN EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

Muy venerables hermanos oyentes: Nos es grato el mandarles un saludo bien agradecido por toda la atenciÛn prestada por su parte a la emisora. Esperamos que estas lÌneas les encuentren en un perfecto estado de alud, en compaÒla de sus seres m·s queridos. El motivo de la presente misiva es comunicarles los ultimos cambios de nuestra tabla de las frecuencias (Ondas Cortas), cuales, de hecho, ser·n aplicados desde el 31 de octubre.

Asimismo les solicitamos que nos hagan saber la calidad de la sintonla de nuestros seòales, en las frecuencias actuales, y posteriormente en las nuevas. Sin m·s por el momento, nos despedimos de todos Uds. esperando sus prontos comentarios.

Atentamente, La RedacciÛn EspaÒola, de la voz de la Rep'blica Isl·mica de Ir·n

LA TABLA DE LAS FRECUENCIAS, ONDAS CORTAS:

AtenciÛn: (Los nuevos cambios ser∙n aplicados desde el 31 de Octubre)

20:30 -	21:30	ESPA-A		41 M	7130 KHZ
				31 M	9750 KHZ
00:30 -	01:30	AMRICA	CENTRAL	25 M	11610 KHZ
	Υ	AMRICA	DEL SUR	31 M	9555 KHZ
				31 M	9905 KHZ
01:30 -	02:30	AMRICA	DEL SUR	31 M	9555 KHZ
				31 M	9905 KHZ
02:30 -	03:30	AMRICA	DEL SUR	31 M	9905 KHZ
05:30 -	06:30	EUROPA		19 M	15320 KHZ
				16 M	17590 KHZ

---- Original Message -----From: spanishradio@irib.ir

Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2004 6:40 AM

Subject: CORRECION

UNA PEQUENA CORRECION EN LA NUEVA TABLA DE NUESTRAS FRECUENCIAS

LA TABLA DE LAS FRECUENCIAS

E.MAIL: spanishradio@irib.com

PAGINA WEB: http://www.irib.ir/worldservice/spanishRADIO/

20:30-21:30 ESPA-A 41 M 7130 KHZ 31 M 9750 KHZ AM...RICA CENTRAL 25 M 11610 KHZ

Y AM...RICA DE SUR

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00:30-01:30 AM...RICA CENTRAL Y AM...RICA DE SUR 31 M 9555 KHZ
31 M 9905 KHZ
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02:30-03:30 AM...RICA DEL SUR 31 M 9905 KHZ
01:30-02:30 AM...RICA DEL SUR 31 M 9955 KHZ
31 M 9905 KHZ
05:30-06:30 EUROPA 19 M 15320 KHZ
16 M 17950 KHZ
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(via Adalberto, Noticias DX via DXLD)

They `corrected` one of the frequencies at 0530 from 17590 to 17950! It should be the other way round. 11610 is moved from the 0030 broadcast to the 2030, but I don't think this is right either. At 0130 they change 9555 to 9955. But neither 9955 nor 11610 is in the frequency list below. And in the `corrected` version the 0130 and 0230 are in reverse order. Some of this mixing up may have to do with the original grid not converting properly to text. It looks like we are in for another confusing season as far as IRIB is concerned (gh, DXLD)

\*\* IRAN. B-04 IRIB schedule (tentative) --- But I think, IRIB French and Italian to Europe will also fully re-appear on SHORTWAVE from Oct 31st. (Wolfgang B schel, Oct 23)

#### B04 IRIB

3985	1630	0330	39,40	MAS	500	0	ARABIC
3985	1900	1930	38E,39W	AHW	250	0	HEBREW
3985	1930	2030	28E,29,30	KAM	500	0	RUSSIAN
5905	0030	0130	41NE	KAM	500	100	BENGALI
5955	0100	0230	30SE,31SW,40E,41NW,42W	SIR	500	43	TADJIKI
5955	1500	1600	30S,31S,40NE	SIR	500	43	UZBAKI
5955	1600	1730	30SE,31SW,40E,41NW,42W	SIR	500	43	TADJIKI
5960	1230	1330	40E,41W	SIR	500	68	PUSHTU-p
5970	1900	1930	38E,39W	KAM	500	250	HEBREW
5990	1330	1630	39	KAM	500	0	KURDI-SH
6005	1630	1730	40E,41W	AHW	250	84	PUSHTU
6010	0130	0230	40E,41N	KAM	500	94	URDU
6010	1930	2030	27	KAM	500	304	ENGLISH
6015	0030	0230	10-13	KAM	500	304	SPANISH
6015	1630	1730	40E,41W	SIR	500	90	PUSHTU
6035	1700	1800	30,31	KAM	500	58	RUSSIAN
6035	1800	1900	29,30	SIR	500	328	RUSSIAN
6040	0300	0330	30,31	KAM	500	58	RUSSIAN
6065	1630	0530	37-39	SIR	500	295	ARABIC
6095	0230	0330	40E,41W	KAM	500	94	PUSHTU
6100	1830	1930	28S	SIR	500	310	ALBANI
6100	2030	2130	28S	SIR	500	310	ALBANI
6110	1730	1830	27,28	KAM	500	304	GERMANY

6120	0130	0230	7-10	KAM	500	333	ENGLISH
6120	1330	1430	40E,41N	SIR	500	90	URDU-p
	1730		-	SIR	500	90	URDU .
6140	0230	0330	40E,41W	SIR	500	90	PUSHTU
			40E,41W	SIR		68	PUSHTU
			40E,41N	SIR		80	URDU
	0030		-	KAM		100	BENGALI
			29SE, 39NE, 40NW	SIR		320	ARMENIAN
			40E,41N	SIR		80	URDU
			29S,40NW	SIR		338	AZERBAIJ
			39,48,53	MAS		210	ARABIC
			30,31	KAM		58	RUSSIAN-p
			29E,30,31	SIR		18	RUSSIAN
			295,395	KAM		289	TURKISH
			27S, 28S, 37, 38	KAM		289	SPANISH
	2330			SIR		68	CHINA
			30,31	SIR		30	KAZAKI
			30,31	KAM		58	RUSSIAN
			-				
	1830			KAM		298	ALBANI
			29-31	AHW		26	RUSSIAN
			28E,29	SIR		340	RUSSIAN
			40E,41N			84	URDU
			29-31	AHW		26	RUSSIAN-p
			13-16,37,38	KAM		259	SPANISH-p
	1730			KAM		109	URDU
			29SE,39NE,40NW	SIR		320	ARMENIAN
	2130			SIR		310	BOSSNI
			38E,39W	KAM		250	VoPALESTINE
			38E,39W	KAM	500	250	HEBREW
7260	1730	1830	28S	KAM	500	298	BOSSNI-p
7265	0130	0230	30,31	SIR	500	18	KAZAKI
7270	1430	1530	40E,41W	SIR	500	90	PUSHTU-m
7270	1530	1730	40E,41N	KAM	500	118	URDU-m
7275	2230	2330	49,50,54	KAM	500	109	B_MALAY
7285	1530	0330	38,39,47,48	MAS	500	238	ARABIC
7295	0300	0330	29SE,39NE,40NW	SIR	500	320	ARMENIAN
7295	1730	1830	28S	SIR	500	320	BOSSNI
7295	1830	1930	28SE	SIR	500	295	ALBANI-p
7305	1430	1530	41NE	KAM	500	100	BENGALI-p
			29,30	KAM		335	RUSSIAN .
	1930		-	SIR		313	ENGLISH
	2330			SIR		75	CHINA
			46,47	KAM		255	HAUSA
			27S,28S,37,38	SIR		295	SPANISH-p
			27,28	SIR		322	GERMANY
			38E,39W	SIR		282	VoPALESTINE
			38E,39W	SIR		282	HEBREW
			42-44	KAM		64	CHINA-p
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(updated English and German services, according various mails
by wb, BC-DX Oct 23 via DXLD)
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\*\* IRAN [non]. 15660, R Seday-e Melat-e Iran ("Voice of the Iranian Nation"), 1430-1500, heard most every day, carrier on around 1415-1420. Fadey, and bassy audio, improves a bit over the half hour, and on some days no jamming (Jerry Berg, MA, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

\*\* ITALY [non?]. 15665, R. for Peace, via Nexus, IRRS, Milano, Italy, \*1058-1204\*, Fri Oct 08, Opened with an ouverture, 1100 and 1130 ID in Arabic, also IDs in Italian, English and Spanish, 1100-1130 Arabic, 1130-1200 Spanish programs for Spanish Sahara, Arab songs, translation of an interview in Italian into Arabic, 1131 ID in Spanish as "Radio for Peace" in English, and "Radio Nacional de...", folksongs, interview about Polisario, Saharawi and "Sahara ocupada", 1200 English ID for IRRS asking for reception reports to P. O. Box 10980, I-20110 Milano, Italy to be rewarded with specially numbered QSL-cards. Scheduled Fridays only. Strong signal: 45444, but the transmitter location is still unknown (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

On Fri Oct 15, \*1058-1204\* heard in Portugal, but nearly totally blocked by Chinese speaking station until 1130\*. I still managed to hear IRRS IS, then in the clear though weak after 1130 up till s/off 1204 (Carlos GonÁalves, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD) I suppose the target area has the same reception! (DSWCI Ed., ibid.) Bulgaria? (gh)

\*\* JAPAN. 1575, 1537-, AFN, Oct 16. Great clash between VOA Thailand (at 1000 kW) with news in special English and AFN Japan with 3 stations listed at 250, 600 and 1000 watts. The latter (presumed) had non-stop rock music, occasionally coming up to very decent levels. At 1540 there was some talk, but not at a level that I could be certain of the contents. I thought that I had heard an AFN ID at 1530. Will need to check the MD. At 1542 there was definitely English noted under VOA (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KASHMIR [non?]. 6100, R. Voice of Kashmir, via AIR, India, \*0230-0245, Oct 15, hymn, Urdu announcement, subcontinental solksongs, QRM Deutsche Welle 6100, 23332 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

5102, 1417-, Voice of Freedom of Jammu and Kashmir, Oct 16. Using my second receiver, I noted a decent signal on 5102.0, and assume the clandestine Jammu and Kashmir station. Only USB is useable, as there was a ute on LSB and CODAR as well spoiling the show (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KURDISTAN [and non]. DX-ing in Syria

Our sightseeing tour went very well and everywhere I listened on my

portable Sony ICF-SW7600GR particularly to the clandestines. Unfortunately the noise level was extremely high in Damascus and Aleppo, making SW reception impossible there. In Hama about 200 km north of Damascus --- the town in which a military massacre took place in February 1982 where 30,000 civilians were slaughtered to stop The Muslim Brotherhood --- a power failure occurred for about an hour. During that it was possible for me to check what happened on SW and even hear World Music Radio from Denmark!

I had the best result at the hotel in the desert town of Palmyra about 250 km northeast of Damascus and 200 km from the border to Iraq. The noise level was very modest, and I had a room on the third floor with a view of a plantation of dates. A wire of five to eight meters out of the window highly improved my reception. I was even able to listen while a storm passed with heavy rain and thunder which caused flooding in the streets and overturned trees.

Many more clandestines could be caught there than at home in Denmark, but at the same time the Iranian jamming stations were so massive, that it was nearly impossible to understand what was said. Furthermore MW was heavily covered by electrical noise (Vestesen).

Thank you very much, Bjarke, for this exclusive report to the DX-Window! (DSWCI Ed Anker Petersen, whose own observations are mixed in below, as well as some others)

3880, Voice of Iranian Revolution (tent), 1630-1640, Oct 13, Kurdish, completely jammed and no positive ID could be heard. Also jamming-signals heard on the following frequencies: 3885, 3940, 3945, 3950, 3955, 3960 and 3965. 21221 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)

3960, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, 1630-1650, Oct 13, Kurdish, ID, ann, jammed. 32322 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)

3970.0, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, \*0250-0340 (fade out), Oct 11 and 15, opens with martial songs, 0300 IDís and political talks, folksongs, heard // 4860 which at the beginning was five seconds ahead, partly jammed, 22332 (Petersen)

3970, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, 0332-0340, Oct 14, Kurdish, ID as "Dengi Kurdistani Irani", local music. Jamming. 42332 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria). Also heard 1540-1605, Oct 09, Kurdish, ann., ID, music, almost covered by jamming. 21331 (Vestesen, Damascus, Syria). It looks like the broadcast itself is heard better here in Denmark than the jamming (Ed)

4027, Voice of the People of Kurdistan, 0340-0350, Oct 14, Kurdish, local music, many ann. Not jammed. 43333 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria).

- Also heard 1600-1620, Oct 09, Kurdish, many ann, Kurdish music. 23333 (Vestesen, Damascus, Syria)
- 4160, Voice of the Communist Party of Kurdistan, 1640-1650, Oct 13, Kurdish, ann, news, ID. 23333 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria). Conservative Party (?) which now runs the Voice of Independence. (Ed)
- 4165, Voice of Independence, 1502-1655. (Pankov via BC-DX Oct 13)
- 4250.8, Voice of the Strugglers, Al-Sulaymaniyah, No. Iraq, \*0300-0310, Oct 15, Martial music, 0307 Kurdish ID: "Aira dangi Khabati Kurdistani Irana", interlude of orchestral music and another ID twice: "Dangi Khabati Kurdistan". Weak Iranian bubble jamming 34444 (Petersen)
- 4260, Voice of Strugglers of Iranian Kurdistan (tent), 1610-1614, Oct 13, Kurdish, ann, Kurdistani mentioned several times, jammed from 1614 and then almost non-audible. Until jamming 44444 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)
- 4273, Voice of Iranian Revolution, 0340-0354\*, Oct 14, Farsi, news, IDs just before s/off, nothing heard in listed 4380 so maybe new frequency? Jammed. 22322 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)
- 4375, UNID, 1635-1640, Oct 13, Kurdish, ann, completely jammed. 21221 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)
- 4610, Voice of Komala, 0355-0425\*, Oct 14, Kurdish, ID, speech, jammed but jamming off for a minute at 0405. ID again just before s/off. 31331 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)
- 4612, R Voice of Komala, 0325-0500 and 1655-1830. 3928 is no longer in use. (Heard Oct 03! Ed) (Pankov via BC-DX Oct 13)
- 4860, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, \*0250-0420 (fade out), Oct 10, 11 and 13, opened with two long martial songs, at 0300 a man gave ID in Kurdish: "Aira dengi Kurdestani Iran", however the last word did sound just as much as Iraq! After a third martial song about Kurdistan, he clearly said: "Aira dengi Kurdistani Irana." Then followed a fanfare and the same ID by woman, muslim Call to Prayer and 0310-0420 mostly political comments about Iran and Iranian Kurdistan. During first hour: 35343. New, unjammed frequency heard // 3970, but sometimes up to 5 seconds ahead of this. (Berg, Petersen and Titarev)
- 6340.0, Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, \*0310-0440 (fade out), Oct 13, ID 0317 after Call to Prayer: "Aira dengi Kurdestana Iraqa", 33333 with CWQRM. Ex 4085. (Petersen)

- 6340, Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, 1630-1645, Oct 13, Kurdish, Kurdish music, ann, very strong reception without any jamming. 44444 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)
- 6415, UNID, 1635-1640, Oct 13, Kurdish music, completely jammed. 21221 (Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria)
- 6420, UNID, 1635-1640, Oct 13, ann noticed, but completely jammed. Also 6425 completely jammed at this time. 21221 (Bjarke Vestesen, Palmyra, Syria, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)
- \*\* LIBYA [non]. Caught the English newscast from Voice of Africa (presumed all via France) at 1730 UTC Oct 23/04 on 17635, 15660 and 17695, all SIO 444. Nx began with the headlines and English ended with ID for Voice of Africa Jamahiriyah and "Thank you for listening goodbye" at 1734 UTC. Back Arabic after that. Noted some sort of frequency schedule given at 1756 with many mentions of ``MHz`` (Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Collins HF-2050, KLM 7-30 MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* LIBYA [non]. FRANCE, 17635, 1734-, Voice of Africa, Tripoli, Libya, Oct 15. English programming with thickly accented male discussing Libyan issues. Relatively easy to follow due to the speaker's care to enunciate each vowel. 'The leader of the revolution'...'Libyan people'. 'The British prime minister, Tony Blair has sent a message... about cooperation between the Jamahiriya and Britain'. At 1743 concluded with 'this is the end of the news?. Thank you for listening.' Immediately into French. Fair at times (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* MALI. 11960, 1712-, Radio Mali, Oct 16. Very strong reception with Arabic speaker, well over 2 cochannels (BBC in Albanian and CRI in Russian listed). I'm surprised how well this station has been received over the years about the same time (upto their sign-off at the TOH). Not commonly reported. Must take the cake for boring programming, however. Same male announcer droning on and on and on. Not a single musical break. Must be lecturing or something. He was cut-off in mid sentence and followed the canned sign-off announcement in French, which itself was yanked a few seconds after 1800 (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* MARSHALL ISLANDS. 1098, 0923-, V7AB, Oct 17. Nice ID given by same YL announcer I've heard the past few mornings with a good fade up after an EZL south pacific selection. V7AB clearly heard and then immediately into another selection (same style but a religious hymn). Went past their sked close down of 1030. Heard to at least 1035. Gone shortly thereafter when rechecked (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MICRONESIA. 1503, 1044-, V6AJ, Voice of Kosrae, Oct 17. Sudden fade up to good levels with islands music. Very enjoyable early Sunday listening. Weak Korean or Japanese cochannel just audible, but V6AJ dominates nicely. No luck on the other Micronesian on 1449 yet. Faded away by 1050 (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. I can confirm that the International Business Reply system does work from the US --- I have used these type of postage impressions for getting replies from US in the past without any difficulties. The problem is with the very poorly designed Radio Netherlands "card" which has the reply address on one side and the sender's address on the other side - both in large lettering and with different postage impressions on both sides of the card! Its very confusing for any postal service - mechanised sorting machinery will simply "read" whichever address happens to be facing it, so its 50:50 whether the cards will be returned to the recipient or Radio Netherlands! I've never come across quite such a badly thought out reply-card before. To stop the card coming back to me I crossed out my address completely and also crossed out the UK postage impression on that side of the card. Another problem is that its not really a card it's just a rather flimsy bit of paper, probably well below the thickness of paper required by international postal regulations. RNW should have enclosed a separate IBS envelope for returning the slip in (Dave Kenny BDXC-UK, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGERIA. V. of Nigeria, 15120, 0737-0744\* Oct 24, French programming heard which abruptly signed off at 0744. Comments, afro pop music, ID and QTH. But their schedule hasn't Fr at this time! (Ignacio Sotomayor, Segovia, Castilla, Espaòa, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hola chavales: A pesar de lo que indica su esquema de emisiones, he podido escuchar LA VOZ DE NIGERIA en 15120 de 0737-0744, cuando se apagû el transmisor s'bitamente, en francÈs (ø?) con m'sica afro pop, ID y QTH. øSe tratar· de un error de los estudios centrales? (Ignacio Sotomayor, Segovia, Castilla, Espaòa, Oct 24, noticias dx via DXLD)

He escuchado a la Voz de Nigeria a lo largo de los aòos, en diversos horarios y frecuencias, no siempre coincidiendo con su ``esquema oficialmente aceptado``. Soy de la opiniûn de que simplemente hacen lo que les rota, lo que les parece en cada momento, o lo que consideran conveniente cada maòana cuando empiezan su jornada laboral. Cordialmente, (Tom·s MÈndez, ibid.)

\*\* PERU. 9504.67, R. Tacna, 23 Oct. 1025-1045+, Variety of LA music including tangos and ranchera. Canned announcements at 1030. Canned heavy echo ID by M between songs "R. Tacna primera"?? Speech by M at 1042-1045. Weak and very fady. QSB made it tough. A little stronger

and clearer on the R-388. Wiped out by big het from WYFR (of course) on 9510 at 1050. WYFR is on so many frequencies these days, they're like R. Moscow was in the 80's!! (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

9504.84, Radio Tacna, Tacna, 2220-2248, Octubre 23, Espaòol. Larga entrevista a un funcionario de la Aduana local. Reporte de la hora, anuncio e ID: "Las 5 con 46 minutos. Estamos en el Especial de los s·bados por Radio Tacna". Noticia de Argentina. 23432. Interferencia de R·dio Record, S"o Paulo, en 9505 khz. No es habitual para mì reportar esta emisora en este horario, desde Buenos Aires (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Noticias DX via DXLD)

#### \*\* POLAND. PÕOS Y XEN"FOBOS EN LA ONDA CORTA POLACA

"Radio Maryja" --- la cadena de radio polaca m·s escuchada --- no sÛlo explica la Biblia sino tambiÈn el mundo, tachando de enemigos a judÌos, extranjeros y a la UE. Iglesia y Estado parecen indefensos frente a este "Vocero de Dios". . .

http://www.cafebabel.com/es/article.asp?T=T&Id=2376 Sep 25 via Horacio Nigro, ConexiÛn Digital Oct 23 via DXLD)

\*\* QATAR [and non]. WHY THE US UNPLUGGED AL-JAZEERA

October 23, 2004 --- Banning an uncensored broadcaster makes a mockery of democracy, writes Sarah Smiles in Beirut.

It is hard to believe that one of the Arab world's most popular satellite TV stations, al-Jazeera, was ever in the Bush Administration's good books. Since the war on terror began, the Dohabased channel has had its offices in Kabul and Baghdad bombed, its journalists roughed up and imprisoned by US forces in Iraq, and more recently kicked out of the country altogether. . . http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/10/22/1098316857607.html (via Wolfgang B\_schel, DXLD)

## \*\* ROMANIA. LISTENER'S DAY HERE ON RADIO ROMANIA INTERNATIONAL

Dear RRI listener, On November the 7th we celebrate Listener's Day here on Radio Romania International. We do that in a live program around 47 minutes long at 1308-1400 UT [errr, that's 52 minutes]. It is an entire program dedicated to you; therefore we need your contributions. We want to know your opinions about the structure, content and quality of the programs broadcast by RRI. Your overall assessment of our programs would be of great help in our efforts to improve the services we provide to you.

You can contribute to this program in two ways: by giving us an

interview on the phone before November the 7th or by phoning in during the live program. Please let us know which of the two suits you best.

If you were so kind as to give us an interview, please tell us the most convenient time when we can contact you next week and, of course, your telephone number. If you want to contribute live to our show just let us know and give us a number where we can reach you on November the 7th. Or you can call us on +4021 223 41 45 between 1308-1350 UT on November the 7th, 2004.

We look forward to hearing from you, Lacramioara Simion & Iulian Muresan "Listeners' Day" producers Serviciul Englez - Radio Romania International (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* ST. HELENA. Here is the latest station info of R St. Helena. Broadcasting Agency: St Helena News Media Services (NB: no longer belonging to the St. Helena government.) Postal Address: Radio St Helena, St Helena News Media Services, Broadway House, James-town, Island of St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean STHL 1ZZ. Email: radio.sthelena @ helanta.sh Internet: http://www.sthelena.se Leading Persons: Station Manager: Mr. Ralph H. Peters. Coordinates of station: 15.55 South / 05.32 West. Broadcasting on 1548 MW 24 hours with 1 kW with relays of BBC World Service and local programming. Verification of Reception Reports: By QSL card. Return postage required (at least 2 IRC's). Reception Reports by email accepted. Recordings cannot be returned.

Future Plans: It is hoped that the annual world-wide "RSH Day" transmission on shortwave can be revived in future.

The info is about a NEW radio station called "Saint FM" on St. Helena. Broadcasting Agency: St. Helena Media Productions LTD. Postal Address: Jamestown, St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ. Email: FM @ helanta.sh Internet: http://www.saint.fm Leading Persons: Station Manager: Mr. Mike Olsson. Producers: Mss. Angela and Emma-Jane. Broadcast coverage area: all of St. Helena island. Programming: all programming done locally; (no relay of BBC) Broadcasting in FM only 24 hours per day, 7 days per week:

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90.0 MHz 30 Watts Main transmitter (at studio site)
91.0 MHz 30 Watts Repeater
93.0 MHz 250 Watts Repeater
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93.0 MHz 250 Watts Repeater 96.0 MHz 30 Watts Repeater

Verification of Reception Reports: By QSL card. Return postage required (at least 2 IRC's). Reception Reports by email accepted. Recordings cannot be returned (Peters and Olsson via Kipp, Oct 04, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

\*\* SERBIA. Below is a report on the destruction of the Serbian SW site at Stubline and the high power MW site at Zvecka near Obrenovac:

On May 30, 1999, at 8:45 a.m., in the village of Stubline, Obrenovac municipality, several missiles hit the SW broadcasting centre of Radio Jugoslavija on Valjevski put St. The centre was completely destroyed, including two 100 kW and 500 kW transmitters. On May 30, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., in the area of Zvecka village, Obrenovac municipality, the RTS transmitter on äabacki put St. was targeted by several missiles. Two of them hit the power supply section of the old building, while one missile hit and completely destroyed the R Belgrade 2nd and 3rd channels transmitter. The power cable between the antenna and the transmitter has been rendered unusable. The garage and the spare parts warehouse are destroyed. The nearby residential buildings are damaged by the detonation. The overall material damage is huge. Source: http://www.balkan-archive.org.yu/kosovo\_crisis/destruction/white\_book2/07.html (Bernd Trutenau in Dxplorer Oct 09 via DSWCI DX Window via DXLD)

\*\* SPAIN. Lately REE Madrid is either not showing up at 0000 for English to NAm, or it`s covered by Chinese. I do hear it in French at 2300 on 15385, VG signal, gone at 0000 (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, Oct 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to EiBi, the only Chinese station on 15385 is Star Star, the numbers station from Taiwan, for the entire 24 hours, tho I think its transmissions are quite sporadic. The QRM we hear is probably a Mainland jammer (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- \*\* SWITZERLAND. 9885.0, Swiss Radio International, 2158-2359, Oct 20, Variable, 2158- Interval Signal; 2200- ID into French broadcast with news then song medley from 2208-2230. 2230 change to German. 2255 Alpine music to 2300 with change to Italian; 2330 change to English with program on Swiss foods. Segments on coffee, wine, chestnuts. 2354 sign off and songs until abrupt carrier drop at 2359. Fair (John Beattie, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This might seem a rather routine logging, but one week from now it will be a pastthing (gh, DXLD)
- \*\* SYRIA. 13610, Damascus Radio at 2015 UT in English with news read by OM, SIO 333. // 12085 kHz (333). Poor modulation and a buzz on both frequencies. Oct 23/04 (Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Collins HF-2050, KLM 7-30 MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* SYRIA [non]. 13650, R. Free Syria via J<sub>s</sub>lich verified by program broker R. Miami International with a full data "Greetings from Florida" card in 28 days from v/s Jeff White (Rich D`Angelo, PA, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

The China Post reports that Taiwan's Central Broadcasting System (CBS), which currently focuses on Chinese language programming aimed at an estimated 18 million listeners on the mainland, is now going to turn its attention to producing foreign-language programmes targeted at foreign executives, their partners, and the large number of foreign workers. Such programmes will be broadcast through the Han Shen Broadcasting Network run by the Ministry of National Defence. This calls into question the future of the English-language International Community Radio Taipei (ICRT), which was set up to cater for the information needs of English-speaking expatriates. It has been suggested that ICRT, which at one time broadcast BBC programmes round the clock on its AM frequency, no longer provides the solid news and analyses that some listeners want, having "dumbed down" to become a station playing a high percentage of music.

# posted by Andy @ 10:30 UT Oct 24 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* UKRAINE. RUI may have to change 7555 shortly to avoid some digital interference from an unknown source in Europe (Paul Yegorov, Whole World on the Radio Dial, Oct 24, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. Radio 4 Programme 'In Touch' Tuesday 26 October

It is expected that the BBC Radio 4 programme 'In Touch' this week will feature amateur radio again. 'In Touch' is a weekly programme featuring news, views and information of interest to people who are blind or partially-sighted. The programme will be broadcast at 8.40pm [1940 UT] on Tuesday 26 October. http://www.rsgb.org/news/gb2rs.htm (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. ROBERT H. DREHER, 88; FOUNDED RADIO LIBERTY http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A57641-20040ct23?language=printer

Robert H. Dreher, 88, who as a young U.S. assistant naval attache was labeled a spy and expelled from Moscow in 1948 and who later helped found Radio Liberty, died of a stroke Sept. 24 at his home in the Foulkeways retirement community north of Philadelphia. He lived in Arlington for 30 years.

During the tense aftermath of World War II, Mr. Dreher was a Navy lieutenant serving in Moscow and Odessa when he was charged with espionage. The State Department quickly dismissed the claim, saying he had been framed.

Mr. Dreher befriended several Soviet citizens during his two-year stay, including a 21-year-old medical student. After returning to the

United States, he learned that the student, Galina M. Spiridonova, had been sentenced to eight years prison for her friendship with him.

In 1994, nearly 50 years later, Mr. Dreher and Spiridonova renewed their friendship after she contacted him.

In 1951, Mr. Dreher joined the new Central Intelligence Agency, performing intelligence and liaison duties in Washington and overseas.

From 1953 to 1961, he was one of the original planners of Radio Liberty, which recruited emigrÈs from Soviet countries to broadcast news of the outside world to those trapped behind the Iron Curtain.

He helped develop policy and program techniques and supervised emigrÈ and host-nation affairs in the New York and Munich offices.

As a lieutenant commander, he was active in the Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1951.

Mr. Dreher, a native of Oil City, Pa., received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

He did graduate study in political science and international affairs at Georgetown University from 1950 to 1952.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and supervised testing vessels at naval shipyards in Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., from 1942 to 1945.

He completed the Navy's Russian language training before serving in the Soviet Union.

From 1961 to 1972, Mr. Dreher worked with the CIA in Washington and overseas, analyzing international politics and policy developments and implementation. He lived in Arlington during that period.

After retiring in 1972, he became active in community affairs. He pushed for preserving urban green space and supported the local Democratic Party. He also was on his condominium association's board in Arlington's Hyde Park neighborhood. He was a financial contributor to Washington National Cathedral, the Arlington Community Foundation and the Nature Conservancy.

He moved to Foulkeways in Gwynedd, Pa., in 2002 because of declining health. Survivors include a sister.

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\*\* U S A. WHRI Noblesville Indiana became silent on October 16, 2004 at 11:30 A.M. (Gill, Oct 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Details? Source? Do you mean permanently closed down? Had been on 5835 in evening and maybe some other frequencies, even tho main service had been moved to WSHB facility (gh, DXLD)

## \*\* U S A. WBCQ's Twist&Shout Bible Weather Hour

Never have I laughed so hard as I did today tuning in to 17495 (at 2020) with the intention of catching World of Radio plenty early. One program was cuing up and then playing the Beatles' "Twist And Shout" while some demented madman was ranting his head off in the background alongside. The timing of the pauses couldn't have been made better if this rantmeister was actually in the studio with the Beatles as they cut the track.

Song's bridge played, rantmeister caught his breath. Music crescendo, vocal crescendos of "ahhhhhh, ahhhhh, ahhhhh, ahhhhhh, ahhhhhh" while the rantmeister caught his breath. The Beatles SCREAAAAM and the rantmeister blows out his larynx at the same time. "Well shake it on baby!" rantmeister pauses; "Twist and" rantmeister tosses his tonsils "shout!"...and on and on and on like that. At the end the rantmeister's screaming some Bible citation while the other guy's saying something very very calmly about The Bible.

I was in stitches.

2030 rolled around and voil‡, there was World of Radio, but strangely unmolested. A miracle (Clara Listensprechen, Oct 23, shortwavebasics via DXLD)

They got untangled because I got on the phone before WOR was to start. It seems Radio Weather's audio on 9330-CLSB was also going out on 17495-CUSB at equal level with the Full Gospel Hour (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Re 4-162, X-band list from New Zealand:
``1620 WNRP\*\*\* Gulf Breeze FL X WBUB. Not yet on air.``

Not true. I sent you a log of this a couple of weeks ago, when they began testing, though I don't think you used it (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I did, and several others. The list compiled in NZ seldom picks up on the latest news from DXLD, and there is a certain time lag in getting it published and distributed, unfortunately (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. New MW signal from Buffalo, NY, WSRR on 1700 kHz, appears unlicensed. Appears to be rebroadcast of Internet stream. Solid Rock

Radio was on shortwave in 1990s (CKUT International Radio Report Oct 24, notes by Ricky Leong, via DXLD)

- \*\* URUGUAY. 9620.81, SODRE, Montevideo, 0642, Oct 14, Spanish frequency announcement, usual classical music, increasing heterodyne against CNR2 fading in on 9620.00 (Martien Groot, Netherlands, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)
- \*\* URUGUAY [non]. 9480, R. Cimarrona program via DTK, 2200-2300\*, Mon Oct 18, fairly good, USB needed to help with heavy spillover from WWCR-9475. E-mail address given at end of program is radiocimarrona @ hotmail.com (Jerry Berg, MA, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)
- \*\* VANUATU. 7260.13, 1038-, Radio Vanuatu, Oct 16. Strong reception, so obviously back to their previous reception, measuring S9 + 10 to 20 with lovely south seas music in Bislama. A live concert from the sounds of things, with brief intro by a Male between selections. Should propagate much further afield! Spoiled by Radio Thailand coming on at 1100. Still relatively strong, however and still going at 1105. Into NA shortly after and then OC (Volodya Salmaniw, Grayland, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- \*\* VIETNAM [non]. QSL, CLANDESTINE (Vietnamese). 15775, Chan Troi Moi (New Horizon) via DTK-Julich, Full Data Prepared QSL Card, signed and stamped by v/s Ralf Weyl, in 44 days after sending a follow-up to  $J_s$ lich. No response from direct address in Japan to date (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)
- \*\* WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 7460.0, National R. of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, Rabouni, Algeria, \*0600-0830, Oct 08 and 11, Call to prayer, Arabic talk, Arab music. Carrier stayed on till 0915\*, 35343. Also heard 2300, Oct 10 in Arabic // 1550 MW (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

Their evening schedule seems more consistent as they always s/on 1700 and s/off 2400, with Spanish program 1700-1800 after national anthem, Spanish ID "Radio Nacional Sahar·ui ñ Voz del Pueblo Sahar·ui", slogan "una emisora a su servicio"; mornings \*0600-0830\* (s/off time variable: observed 0800 on Oct 18 for instance, but also heard closing prior to 0900) in Arabic, no Spanish (new schedule! Ed); no morning transmission heard on Sat Oct 16; 7460 is occasionally silent, usually mornings. Outlet behaviour: 7460 is always clean mornings while getting some adjacent QRM evenings or even co-channel QRM also evenings (R Free Asia, I suppose). 1550 MW is generally good too despite occasional deep fades and and some heterodyne with a UK station on 1548 MW. I have observed this station on a weekly basis for months, but mainly to see whether its "strange" temporary 2nd outlet on 700 kHz which I was the first to discover last year is reactivated,

but it does seem to have been dropped (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD) See also ITALY [non]

UNIDENTIFIED. Distorted spur on 1708 or so --- A few days ago, somebody mentioned a distorted spur or image on roughly 1708 KHZ. It's blasting into Memphis tonight. It's very distorted as previously noted, and is running a network known as The Light. They gave a web address of http://www.sgnthelight.com Luckily, they repeated it about a dozen times. The audio was so distorted that I had to slow it down and play it over and over before I was sure of the address. They later gave a call sign which I couldn't copy. It sounded like it began with KQ, and a frequency of 1510. The web site doesn't list anything like that. The original poster said it was in Texas, and there is a station in Houston, Texas, but it's on 1360, and has the call of KWWJ. One thing that was odd about the distortion was that it was completely unintelligible on SSB, and I couldn't find a carrier. Does anybody have a radio that can receive narrow-band FM in the MW band? I used to have a ham tranceiver that could do this, and somehow, this signal sounds like it might be an FM relay rather than a spur. That, or it's a weird problem that somebody should probably fix before the station gets in big trouble. 1710 is really turning out to be an interesting frequency for pirate/mysterious signals (Adam Myrow, Memphis TN, Oct 22, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Adam, In reference to your post about 1708 kc. There really is a station in the Houston area on 1510. It's a daytimer and runs parallel to the FM outlet. I believe their 1510 transmitter has been left on past sun down so we get a spur at night (Willis Monk, Old Fort, TN, ibid.)

From: http://home.austin.rr.com/tsif/Johnny-RadioStations.htm

KOHN-AM 1510

Owner: Cumulus Broadcasting, Inc.

755 South 11th Street, Suite 102; Beaumont, TX 77701 (409) 833-9421; (409) 727-2774; Fax (409) 833-9296

Gospel/Christian

KQHN (1510 AM) "The Light" is a 5,000-watt news/talk and Christian music station playing block programming on first available basis.

FCC lists it as 5,000 Watts daytime. Is there also a spur on approx 1312 kHz ... i.e. 200 kHz down on 1510 as well as on 1708, 200 kHz up from 1510? (Mark Hattam, UK, ibid.) Make that +/- 198

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

ARRL REPEATS CALL FOR SHUTDOWN OF ARIZONA BPL FIELD TRIAL http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/10/21/1/?nc=1

Newington, CT, Oct 21, 2004

The ARRL again has asked the FCC to immediately shut down a broadband over power line (BPL) field trial in the Cottonwood, Arizona, area that it says is interfering with Amateur Radio communication. The League's second shutdown request, sent October 11, accuses the FCC of doing "absolutely nothing" to enforce its rules or to protect licensed services from interference. In an accompanying 12-page technical analysis, the ARRL also cast serious doubt on the accuracy -- and possibly the integrity -- of the BPL system's FCC-required six-month report, filed more than two months late. Its review of the report from system operator Electric Broadband LLC (EB), the League said, indicated inconsistent test results demonstrating that ambient noise conditions at the test sites "were clearly misstated".

"To be blunt, as can be easily determined from the EB report itself," ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, wrote in a cover letter to the ARRL's technical analysis, "one of two things occurred: either (1) EB altered the data to suit its false conclusion that the system is operating in accordance with FCC rules; or (2) its technical consultants were not qualified to conduct the tests and glaringly misinterpreted, among other things, the source of noise generated internally in their own test equipment."

"The EB test results are completely compromised and cannot be utilized in order to determine whether or not the system is operating in accordance with FCC Part 15 rules," Imlay went on to say. "ARRL has previously established that the system is operating substantially in violation of Part 15 rules and is causing actual interference" on ham bands.

The ARRL said that EB's report further indicates that in the low-VHF Public Safety allocation at 30-50 MHz, "the BPL system is operating at radiated emission levels significantly in excess" of those permitted under Part 15 rules. In its report EB claimed to have spent "significant time and effort" looking into interference complaints from hams, running tests and "taking steps to mitigate any possible interference" the system was causing. It even invited the FCC to come and see for itself.

EB and utility APS have been operating the BPL experiment at two Yavapai County, Arizona, sites since June under a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) the FCC granted EB in March. EB's six-month report included input from APS, Mountain Telecommunications (MTI), which

handles system operations, and Mitsubishi Electric Power Products Inc (MEPPI), the BPL equipment designer and manufacturer. The League pointed out that the STA now has expired "but the system apparently continues to operate nevertheless."

A graph from the EB six-month report purporting to show measured levels with the BPL system on (green) and off (red) between 13 and 23.3 MHz. ARRL contends that if the data are accurate, "turning the BPL system on [would have] the impossible effect of dropping the noise level in the spectrum it uses by 30 dB." If the BPL data were increased by 30 dB to match ambient noise levels, the BPL signal would exceed the FCC Part 15 emission limits, the League analysis concluded.

In its technical analysis, the ARRL said EB continues to deny any interference issues associated with its system, despite continuing complaints and "detailed and accurate" technical showings submitted by Cottonwood-area amateur licensees. Testing done in early September shows clearly "that BPL signals were present at various sites on frequencies where APS and EB claim it was not," the ARRL analysis asserted. The League also charges that EB's test methodology was flawed and not up to industry or regulatory standards.

The League conducted its own testing of the Cottonwood system this past summer. That testing indicated levels of radiated RF energy on amateur HF allocations were "extremely high" and well in excess of the FCC Part 15 levels with which EB told the FCC it would comply.

The FCC prompted release of EB's six-month report in a September 1 letter that took note of "several complaints" alleging interference to Amateur Radio operations from the experimental system. It also mentioned ARRL's August request, filed on behalf of Cottonwood-area amateurs, that the FCC shut down the system, revoke its STA and fine the system's operators. The first Amateur Radio complaint, filed in June, cited testing by the Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association (VVARA) in the 1.8-30 MHz range. It asserted that BPL interference makes attempts at ham radio communication useless. VVARA submitted a lengthy and comprehensive report to the two companies and to the Commission in late July detailing interference issues arising from the Cottonwood BPL field trial.

In late September, the VVARA BPL Interference Committee met with MTI and APS representatives, who indicated that the BPL system operators had decided to proceed with "notching" amateur HF frequencies. A representative from Electric Broadband was not present at the meeting, VVARA says (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

### EDXC 2005, APRIL 28-MAY 2, PRAGUE

Our Hungarian member in Sweden, Tibor Szilagyi reports that he is in the final stage of organizing an EDXC Conference in Prague, the Czech Republic on Apr 28-May 02, 2005. Please read more on the EDXC webpage: http://www.edxc.org in a few days (DSWCI DX Window Oct 20 via DXLD)

# PROPAGATION +++++++

#### FM DO CARIBE

Pessoal. Por aqui em minha cidade j $\cdot$  È possÌvel ouvir com uma certa facilidade escutas de FM do Caribe. Estarei em breve passando muitos logs de escutas aqui na lista. Estou deixando uma lista abaixo de todas emissoras ouvidas no ano passado na qual vou tentar sintonizar nesta temporada novamente junto com as outras novidades que espero conseguir tambÈm.

- 88.1- Revelacion- porto Rico (espanhol)
- 88.9- Radio Guadalupe- Guadalupe (FrancÍs)
- 90.5- Radio Vida FM Porto Rico (espanhol)
- 91.3- Radio WIPR- Cidade de San Juan Porto rico
- 92.5- Radio WVORO- Porto Rico (espanhol)
- 92.9- Voice of Barbados- Barbados (InglÍs)
- 93.1- Radio Cairi Ruso- Rep. Dominicana (inglÍs)
- 93.3- ?????????? (espanhol)
- 94.5- ???????- ???????? (???)
- 94.9- Radio Martinica- Martinica (francĺs)
- 95.1- ????????? (inglİs)
- 95.3- ????????- ????????? (????)
- 95.5- Radio ZSD- cidade de Plymouth Monte Serrat (inglÍs)
- 95.7- Radio Prise- Ilha de Saint Vicent (ingles)
- 97.3- Radio Santa Lucia- Cidadede Castries Santa Lucia (crioule)
- 98.1- Radio Liberty- Barbados (inglÍs)
- 98.5- ????????? Porto Rico (espanhol)
- 98.7- Radio Caraiba internacional- cidade de Fort- De- France-Martinica (francÍs)
- 100.1- ????????? Santa Lucia (crioule)
- 101.3- Radio Kiss- cidade de Saint Tomas- Ilhas Virgens (ingles)
- 103.9- Radio ICS- Martinica- 2233 (frances)
- 107.3- Radio Cairi Ruso- Rep. Dominicana (inglÍs) mesma da 93.1 porèm com tx diferente (¬nderson Josè Torquato, Garopaba, Santa Catarina, Brasil, Oct 22, radioescutas via DXLD) ###